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Courier's "Kid" Contributor Wiser Than His Years

[The Courier has discovered an embryo newspaper man in Columbus whose first contribution will be hailed with joy by many readers. It may be said of this, his first contribution, that it shows he is devoid of imagination and that his mind is one trained in horrors and facts. His remarks may be somewhat caustic but the editor will be responsible for his assertions and will endeavor to hold him in leash.]

Dear Mr. Editor: As I am going

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to become a real citizen of Columbus by casting my first vote at the fall election I am already feeling my oats and I also believe I have secured a right to be heard in the official newspaper of Luna county as well as all those other writers. To show you how old I am and how good my memory is I can truthfully state that I know and am known by all the members of this locality, and as you, Mr. Editor, have been here but a short time I may be of valuable help to you as I have data on every article in Columbus, whether he is good or bad. My father taught me this system, saying "Son, every time you hear anything good and all about a resident keep it in mind and every time you hear anything bad about a citizen, write it down, but only when the ill-spoken words are said in the presence of witnesses, for I tell my son, while not considered as bad as cow-stealing, in reality is infinitely worse, for like blackness a man's character to his own and his family's detriment. He have witnesses, son, and see that the job is good, and to years to come you will have documentary evidence, which will be worth while. I have followed instructions and may be to carry my point, as I

am going to become a citizen now, I may be compelled to use my "book."

This is my first attempt and to me it means much. Why is it that the women knock their own sex worse than men. I've heard two different school teachers here to the public schools knock Joe Willis. But who wants to be superintendent of the county's schools. Now I've been in school here in Columbus and I have attended a larger school and I know that the position of school superintendent is an executive one and that it is not a "teaching" position. And if Mrs. Joe Willis doesn't know more about what the schools of this county needs than her opponent then I'm crazy and not the smart young man that I think I am. Why she is the mother of two children and this fact alone gives her a personal interest in the schools that her opponent can't possibly have. Miss Merrill is a sweet-faced girl. Why she is only four years older than I am, and Mrs. Bell while she is but little older than either one of us is a grown woman—grown in many ways and grown beyond her years. Why, Mr. Editor, imagine Ruth Merrill giving orders! Then imagine a Columbus school teacher taking the orders with good grace, say nothing of her carrying them out. I don't laugh often, because I have been compelled to take my young life seriously, but it almost makes me laugh to think of such a condition.

I saw a couple of items in the Courier where you took a crack at the board and the mayor about street signs. I suppose you was kidding, because those street signs I know were ordered in the spring and I know if they had arrived Mr. Blair would have had them put up on the corners where they belong and where they are so badly needed because Mr. Blair has such an interest in Columbus. May be I should have said he has a very many interests in Columbus.

I know I am young and not over my day dream, but I have to dream in the day time because the hours are running wild at night but they do in Deming and they disturb my dreams by day. What because of that I suppose I'm crazy?

No water Saturday and no water Sunday till afternoon. I saw the honorable William Klein carrying a basket Sunday morning. Whether what he'll do at the next trustees meeting. I'll bet he passes an ordinance demanding that a rest plum-

ber be called in to fix the well again. Nobody likes a plumber now but when you need a plumber you need him had all same as doctor. Who started that idea anyway of not hiring a plumber when the city well needs fixing?

I see another cabaret has opened up and that another grocery store is closing up by orders of the sheriff. Funny world this, isn't it?

There's a socialist in Columbus, in fact there are several of them, who own property, lots of property as this town grows? Why don't they sell their property up with other socialists who haven't got as much? Looks to me like they are buying their way into heaven through the apostle to reason.

Way, Mr. Editor, are any of our county officials socialists or bolsheviks? According to the last issue of the Courier the co-operative store managers in Deming hired a man on salary, that's a good word, isn't it, to address them regarding the success of co-operating and instead he addressed the gathering on the great merits of soviet Russia. Well, I belong to the American Legion and at any of those meetings ever attempt to address a meeting in Columbus I'll get the Columbus household to kick them in the arse.

I know it would come. The republicans, at least a good many of them, are now out for Jack Snayr. I saw that the Deming Graphic had a small letter from one of Jack Snayr's old friends where in Oklahoma praising Jack as a man and a pal. Of course you, Mr. Editor, are for Jack all the time, but it was just fine of the Graphic to boost for him. Guessing from a republican newspaper it will help Jack and I'm glad of it. While I am on the subject I want to say that the republicans up in Deming are letting what they are going to do providing for any look or crack they could get their candidates in. They are letting the ladies that Columbus is a hard-boiled town, and that they are going to

Annex Shady Bay, "Rats Cost Me \$225 for Poisoning Bites."

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come down here and clean out the prostitutes and stop bootlegging and gambling and make this place a city for a minister's son to live in—just like that man Neville turned Deming into a paradise. They say that republicans would never stand for such conditions. Sounds good, doesn't it. Those republican church members evidently overlook the fact that we have a republican mayor down here and that our republicans stand for it and like it. This is an army town now. All the republicans and democrats together couldn't stop the soldiers from shooting dice, not as long as they make dice. You won't even have to have money to gamble with down here; anything will do in lieu of it—mint bits, waffles, chicken checks or watermelon seeds. They'll stop gambling in Columbus when the last citizen leaves

and they are coming instead of going.

One time I found a hidden button in the street and I picked it up and wore it in the lapel of my coat. The next day a number of a badge which the button represents told me to take it off as I was wearing under false colors. Well, one day last week I was in Deming and at the Deming club I picked up a flashlight and at the top of the column on the first page it said "official paper of Luna county." Looks to me as if the editor found the type in the street and kept it himself, or maybe a hunkie did.

I thank you, KID BUMPSTON.

P. S.—I will write for you as long as the dear public stands for it, providing some one don't bump you off.

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